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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH GROMYKO ABOUT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION ON RAW MATERIALS

- 1. AT THE SPASO HOUSE LUNCHEON FOR GROMYKO MARCH 27, I HAD A BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH HIM CONCERNING THE UNGA SESSION ON RAW MATERIALS. HE SAID THAT, WHILE IT WAS NOT FINALLY DECIDED THAT HE WOULD ATTEND, HE THOUGHT HE PROBABLY WOULD DO SO. (IN SIDE CONVERSATION WITH MARSHAL BUGAYEV, HE ASKED HIM TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS AIRPLANE TO GO TO NEW YORK AROUND APRIL 8.)
- 2. GROMYKO INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE MEETING, SAYING THAT IT WAS NOT AT ALL CLEAR WHAT THE PURPOSE OF THE SESSION WAS AND WHAT THE RESULTS WOULD BE. THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION, OF COURSE, HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD, BUT NO ONE COULD SAY WHAT A FINAL RESOLUTION, IF ANY, WOULD OLLK LIKE. GROMYKO ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION IN NEW YORK AND PERHAPS ELSEWHERE ABOUT THE SESSION. HE SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY VIEWS THE U.S. MIGHT HAVE.
- 3. WHEN I OBSERVED THAT MUCH OF THE SUBJECT MATTER FOR THE UPCOMING CONFERENCE WAS ALREADY BEING CONSIDERED IN ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL BODIES, GROMYKO SAID THIS PROBABLY WAS TRUE. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS NOT A MEMBER OF ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND WOULD NOT WISH CONFIDENTIAL

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TO BE LEFT OUT OF ANY SPECIAL ORGANIZATION WHICH MIGHT BE

ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS RELATING TO RAW MATERIALS.

- 4. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND GROMYKO, THE SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSULT BILATERALLY WITH THE SOVIET UNION CONCERNING THE UN SESSION AND THAT AMBASSADOR STOESSEL WOULD BE IN TOUCH IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH THE SOVIET FOREIGN OFFICE IN THIS REGARD.
- 5. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO BE USED IN CONSULTING WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE. STOESSEL

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